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SUBJ: PRC COMMERCE OFFICER CLARKE'S VISIT TO PRC

REF: A. PEKING 0790 B. STATE 186569

1. USLO BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE THAT CLARKE PROCEED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REFTEL A, WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS BASED ON CLARKE'S DESIRE TO VISIT A PRC INDUSTRIAL CITY (CONVEYED TO US BY AUGUST 23 LETTER) AND OUR DESIRE TO AVOID TOO MUCH OVERLAP OF CLARKE AND NCUSCT VISITS TO PEKING.

2. WE PROPOSE CLARKE ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 24 FOR CONSULTATIONS AT CONGEN ON OCTOBER 25, 26 AND, IF NECESSARY, MORNING OF 27TH. HOROWITZ WILL ALSO BE PRESENT. ON OCTOBER 28, CLARKE WOULD PROCEED TO PEKING. HOROWITZ MIGHT ACCOMPANY OR MIGHT REMAIN IN HONG KONG AN EXTRA DAY, ARRIVING IN PEKING OCTOBER 30.

3. CLARKE WOULD VISIT PEKING THROUGH NOVEMBER 2. HE COULD THEN DEPART FOR A VISIT TO AN INDUSTRIAL CITY. THIS COULD BE IN THE NORTHEAST, IF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AND CHINESE AUTHORITIES APPROVE.

ALTERNATIVELY, WE SUGGEST HE VISIT WUHAN, AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CITY WHICH IS ON THE RAIL LINE FROM PEKING

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TO CANTON.

4. ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 6 CLARKE WOULD PROCEED TO CANTON, FOR FOUR DAYS AT THE FAIR. HE WOULD EXIT PRC NOVEMBER 11.

5. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE HONG KONG DATES AND ARRIVAL IN PEKING SHOULD BE FIRM, ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE IN CHINA PORTION OF THE TRIP DEPENDING ON HOW VISIT TO INDUSTRIAL CITY IS WORKED OUT AND ON NCUSCT ITINERARY. FOR THE MOMENT, WE THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO OBTAIN PRC AGREEMENT ON CLARKE'S PROPOSED VISIT, INCLUDING HIS DESIRE TO TRAVEL TO A CHINESE INDUSTRIAL CITY.
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